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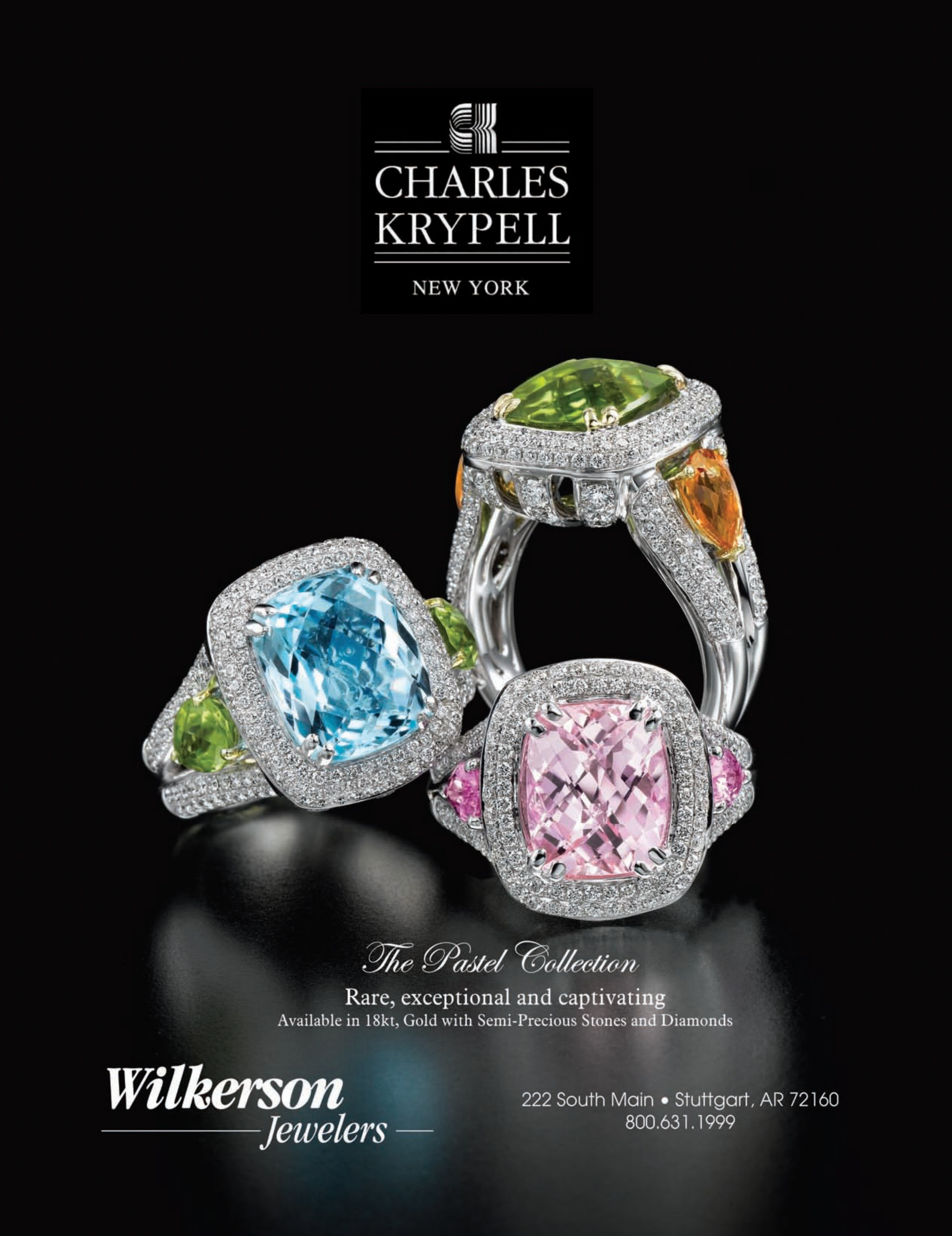
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Thanks to our Facebook page, blog and web site, plus all of our daily interactions with the design community and homeowners in general, there are ample ways to get feedback these days. We love what we've been hearing—that you're happy to welcome the magazine and our web counterparts into your home on a regular basis, that your home is extremely important to you, and that you look to us for inspiration and ideas.

You also let us know what's changing for you: many of you are interested in renovating or sprucing up rather than moving, and tips and news are more important than ever as you're trying to make good design decisions.

With that in mind, we made a few tweaks to the magazine, keeping our core focus of showing you well-designed homes from all over the state while adding or enhancing some regular features you'll now find in every issue:

- Before & After: A makeover story full of tips for achieving well-designed results.
- Design News: What's going on design-wise around the state, including new stores, products and events.
- In the Kitchen/In the Bath: These rooms rate high on your list of home improvement candidates, and each issue we'll show you inspired spaces full of ideas.
- On the Town: No doubt about it, Arkansans are stylish, and our fashion features have always been a favorite. Now, we'll bring you entire outfits every issue, designed to inspire your wardrobe just as we do your home.

Lastly, in an effort to show more readers' homes from the various parts of the state, we've launched our Arkansas' Best contest. It's your chance to show us your own inspired design ideas. Visit athomearkansas.com for the full details.

Let us know what you think of our enhanced look and features—via Facebook, email, letter or phone, we're always interested in what you have to say.

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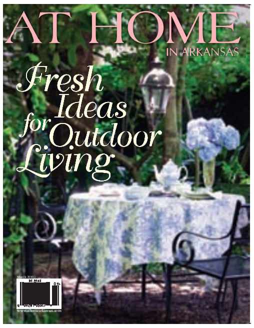
PORTRAIT: NANCY NOLAN

P.S. You can read more about our Arkansas' Best contest online at athomearkansas.com. Don't delay—the deadline is April 5.



On the cover

Jeanne and Dan Spencer's Little Rock garden. Photographed by Nancy Nolan. See page 50.

A Home Design Contest from *At Home in Arkansas*

2010 Arkansas' Best

Calling all house-proud Arkansans! Here's your chance to find out how your home would look on the pages of *At Home in Arkansas* magazine. We're searching for the best home design projects statewide to publish in our July issue.

Eligibility requirements: Any new or remodeled residence in Arkansas. The project must not have been published previously and cannot be scheduled for publication prior to July 2010.

Selection criteria: Judges will select winners on the basis of aesthetics, functionality, originality and design details.

Deadline: All entries must be submitted by April 5. A panel of home design professionals will judge entries and winners will be announced on May 3. The winning homes will be professionally photographed to appear in our July issue and on our web site.

THE CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

New home
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Outdoor living area

**Before and after photos required*

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Living Color

Welcome spring by bringing the garden inside. This shades-of-green bouquet by Morgan Florist in El Dorado sports Bells of Ireland, calla lilies and dendrobium orchids wrapped with bear grass and tucked in a cylindrical vase with teardrop vases filled with hydrangeas. In *At Home in the Garden* (page 33), you'll find a virtual rainbow of vivid bloomers sure to brighten any remaining winter-gray days.

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At Home DESIGN NEWS

Save the Date

Sip wine, talk design, munch appetizers and support a good cause at the American Society of Interior Designers' Wine and Design event.

Friday, April 16
7 to 11 p.m.
Union Station in Little Rock
Sponsored by the South Central Chapter, Little Rock District

Eggshibition benefits Youth Home

Artists are rallying behind Little Rock's Youth Home and decorating eggs for the 19th annual Eggshibition. The egg-shaped masterpieces include celebrity eggs, signed by sports and entertainment personalities, as well as designs from the Eggs in Schools program, featuring creations from local high school art students.

The event features a silent auction for the eggs-quisite art and other premier items, as well as hors d'oeuvres and libations.

Friday, March 26
7 p.m.
Jack Stephens Center on the UALR campus
www.YouthHome.org for tickets or more information

Tipton Hurst renovates in Little Rock, expands in Conway

The venerable floral design store Tipton Hurst, a Little Rock fixture since 1886, has renovated its 1960s-era shop in the Heights into a more streamlined, greener space. Raised ceilings and an open floor plan make browsing for gifts, plants and flowers easier, while upgraded utilities substantially increase energy efficiency. The completely new façade with columns and a trellis was designed to complement the neighborhood's architecture. (1801 N. Grant Street, 501-666-3333, www.tiptonhurst.com)

In Conway, Tipton Hurst has moved into a larger location on Oak Street and has paired with Oak Street Bistro, offering customers a chance to dine, shop and pick up fresh cut flowers to take home. (810 4th Avenue, 501-329-6663, www.tiptonhurst.com)

Custom Playhouses Benefit CASA of Northwest Arkansas

Kid-friendly playhouses donated by local builders and interior designers are heading to the Northwest Arkansas Mall as part of the 7th annual Playhouse Palooza, where they can be bid on through a silent auction. One special Opportunity Playhouse will be raffled off as well. All proceeds from the event go to the CASA program to aid abused and neglected children.

February 26 through March 13
Center Court at the Northwest Arkansas Mall
www.nwacasa.org for more information
or to place a bid

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- University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service
  Arhomeandgarden.org

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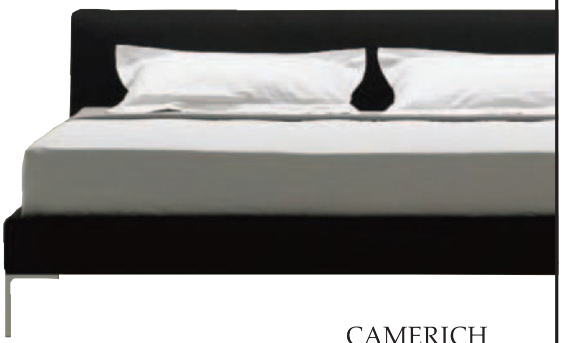
Reborn Relics

"Years of trying to find unique headboards and mirrors for my clients' homes made me realize how limited the options are," says interior designer Debi Davis. She filled the void by working antique finds into custom creations, and soon discovered she had the beginnings of a new business venture.

Last year, she launched Reborn Relics, a Little Rock-based home furnishings business that uses architectural antiquary to create new headboards, mirrors and other items that have the one-of-a-kind look of true antiques. Davis and her team of artisans begin the process by creating high-quality molds of antique elements and relics, including many that she has personally collected over the years. They create small-batch casts of the items and then use them as decorative components in solid wood, hand-carved furnishings and accessories to which they apply antiqued and distressed finishes. "We're the opposite of mass produced," say Davis.

The Reborn Relics collection currently includes headboards, mirrors, wall hangings and other accessories, and is available through Cobblestone & Vine stores in Little Rock.



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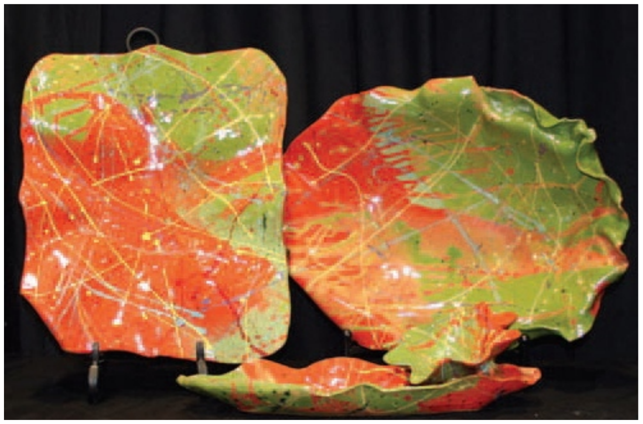

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Epifanies Gallery, 318 S. Main St., Jonesboro

The Vintage Garden

A Little Rock store owner's multi-tasking collection of antique gardenware is at home both indoors and out

By Paulette Pearson

PHOTOGRAPHY: NANCY NOLAN/STYLING: MANDY KEENER

Reggie Marshall, co-owner of the antique store Marshall Clements in Little Rock's Riverdale neighborhood, became passionate for gardenware when he was a college student in search of affordable ways to spruce up his first apartment. As it turned out, it was a unique means of giving the interior of his space character as well. Marshall later began collecting older styles, and when he opened his store in the early 1980s, he saw a void for outdoor antiques that he wanted to fill. "You couldn't find it many places back then," he says. "But there's a craze for it today, because people are willing to accept the fragility of an antique in order to have something distinctive."

Rather than searching in local garden centers, Marshall, accompanied by co-owner Jim Clements, now travels to Europe and Asia for outdoor products. Via planes, trains and automobiles, they look high and low, scouring markets throughout France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Hungary, and beyond, for items that meet their criteria. Topping their list of requirements, each purchase must have a distinct appearance, whether in patina, color or scale. It must also be multi-functional. This is evident in the vivid yellow settee and green bistro set they found in France, which "could be placed in a bedroom sitting area," Marshall says. It's also seen in their preference for architectural elements, including wrought iron from Hungary, which can be sized to mount on a wall or used to liven up the exterior of a home that has a plain façade.

Inevitably, there are always those objects that Marshall can't resist snatching up for his own collection. "I like larger things and fewer of them," he explains. "I also like to play with scale." That's what he did recently when he moved into a home with less square footage. To create more living space, he designed a formal backyard with areas divided like rooms, filled it with plenty of antique seating, and then created the illusion of depth with a garden path that narrows towards a large antique statue. "It draws your eye outward," he explains. To complement the larger elements, he threw in some interesting accessories as a finishing touch. "Always look for things that are flexible," he advises. "Like cement urns that could be clumped together on a kitchen counter or in a bathroom."

But if this outdoor antique connoisseur had to give just one piece of advice, it would be to think outside the box, like the time he fell in love with a stone cherub on the face of a crumbling chateau near Lyon, France. Although uncertain where it would go, he couldn't leave without it—and it's now happily ensconced in Marshall's garden. "If I love something enough," Marshall laughs, "I always find a way to make it work."

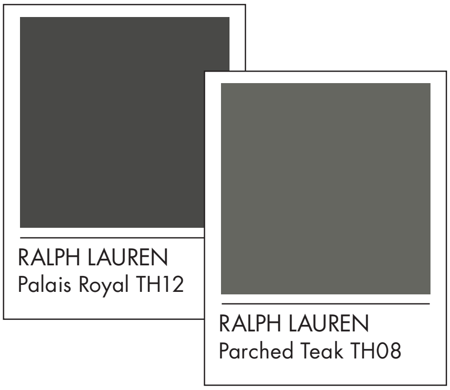
Porch Improvement

Exterior designer Daniel Keeley offers ideas for turning a plain porch into an inviting outdoor room

With outdoor living season approaching, we asked exterior designer Daniel Keeley of Fayetteville-based DK Design to inspire us with suggestions for transforming a basic screened porch into a living area that's as comfortable as any room in the house.

Keeley's concept:

> "I envisioned this space as classically contemporary, with a generally monochromatic color palette of slate and gray with a few accents of white and chrome. The feeling is sleek and sophisticated, yet still warm and comfortable."



Paint the floor and walls: Refinish the existing wood floor in dark gray satin porch paint and the walls, ceiling and trim with a lighter version to create a clean background that recedes, focusing attention on the furnishings and garden views beyond. *Ralph Lauren paints, www.ralphlaurenhome.com for retailers statewide*

Add comfortable seating with urban style, like this loveseat covered in an edgy fabric. *Axis II components in pewter vinyl from Chicago Textile Corp., www.chicagotextile.com, available through the trade*

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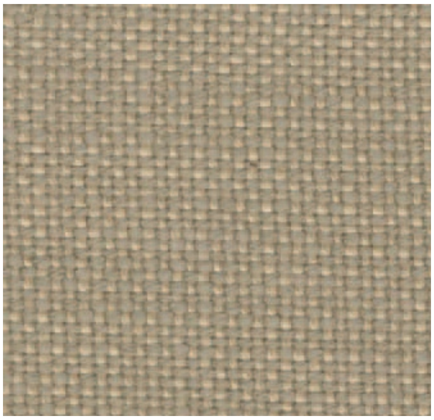
Include a bench to offer versatile seating. *Axis II ottoman from Chicago Textile Corp., www.chicagotextile.com; covered in Grass Cloth Flannel from Perennials fabrics, www.perennialsfabrics.com; both available through the trade*

Complete the grouping with a side table. *Faux-bois side table from Global Views, available through Pollard's, Jonesboro; Mertinsdyke home, Little Rock; Lighting Emporium, Springdale*

Consider a pair of side chairs that could be moved around the room as needed. *RobinWood chair by Philippe Starck for Sutherland, www.sutherlandfurniture.com; covered in Playful Plaid from Perennials fabrics, www.perennialsfabrics.com; both available through the trade*



Hang outdoor drapery panels to soften the walls and increase control over light, wind and privacy. *Hopsack Taupe from Perennials fabrics, www.perennialsfabrics.com, available through the trade*

Frame the view with a mirror. *Architectural wall mirror from Aidan Gray, available through Vintage Cargo, Eureka Springs; Cobblestone & Vine, Little Rock*

Light up the night with a pair of floor lamps. *Vincent from Oly, available through Bear-Hill Interiors, Little Rock*

Warm the room with a rug. *Shag utility mat from Chilewich, available through Lacuna, Fayetteville; Wenfields, Jonesboro*

Bring in a coffee table. *Peninsula coffee table for Sutherland, www.sutherlandfurniture.com, available through the trade*

Add a white terra cotta planter in the corner and fill it with a Blue Atlas cedar as a living sculpture. *Ripple planter, available through Fountains, Pots, Plants & More, Conway*

Throw on the pillows to add color and style. *Elaine Smith Pillows, www.elainesmith.com, available through the trade*

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The (eco) Friendly Kitchen

Family and friends join the fun in this rebuilt Little Rock kitchen, where green design keeps the emphasis on healthy living

By Diane Carroll

PHOTOGRAPHY: NANCY NOLAN/STYLING: MANDY KEENER

"Make yourself at home. Here's a glass, grab a plate, and help yourself," says Lyn Edge. "That's the feeling I wanted this kitchen to convey to everyone who enters." A busy grandmother who tends her 4- and 7-year-old granddaughters each day, Lyn needed an open space where family and friends could easily pitch in and where she wouldn't be closed off from the living areas. What she and her husband, Dr. Otis Edge, began with in their 1930s-era home in Little Rock's Hillcrest neighborhood, however, was the exact opposite.

Interested in relocating from West Little Rock to the Hillcrest area to be closer to their family, the Edges found a 2,000-square-foot bungalow that seemed a good fit for their needs. While the size and locale were appealing, the kitchen was a disaster. "There were two small cooking and pantry sections, a bathroom, and a screened porch alongside them with a floor that was caving in," says Lyn. "My jaw dropped when I saw it."

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the task of turning the mix of spaces into what Lyn calls "a proper room," with areas for prep work, cooking and baking, open shelving for displaying her pottery collection, plus seating for her granddaughters and other family members to be a part of the action. On top of that, they were interested in using environmentally friendly materials whenever possible. "Common sense choices primarily, avoiding fumes and choosing sustainable options," adds Lyn.

Curtis, who's certified by the National Association of Home Builders as a green professional, devised a plan that involved removing the screened porch, gutting the kitchen and bathroom sections and redoing the entire area as one open space, all while following green building practices. "We kept the original footprint

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and in rebuilding we added insulation, new plumbing and wiring, plus higher-quality doors and windows," he says, "all of which add energy efficiency where none existed before."

Materials choices throughout the kitchen followed suit, including stock cabinetry with a finish applied in a ventilated factory setting, a mix of Corian and tile countertops, MDF-composite wood for the trim and ceiling, plus no-VOC paint. Appliances and lighting were chosen based on their energy efficiency ratings, and to enhance the room's natural light, Curtis vaulted the ceiling in the area where the screened porch had been and added skylights. "It made the space feel larger and the daylight helps warm the room," he says.

The completed kitchen now features a sink and counter section where open shelving expedites prep and clean-up, and skylights plus a large window make the space warm and inviting. Across from that area, an island with a built-in stovetop gives Lyn uninterrupted views while cooking, and a pair of barstools let family and friends relax nearby. Along the back wall, a refrigerator and pair of ovens are within easy reach, completing the efficient workspace.

"My granddaughters and I bake cookies, cakes or breads nearly every week," says Lyn, noting that the functional kitchen enhances their time spent together. "When it works well and it's full of the people and things you love," she adds, "it's a place where you make memories, and then it becomes home."

Design Resources
Builder, remodeler Curtis Contracting Inc., Little Rock
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Countertop-Corian House of Marble, Little Rock
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Orange: Vibrant gerbera daisies and lilies are arranged ikebana-style in a rectangular bowl with greenery forming a base. Designed by Ye Olde Daisy Shoppe, Conway. Yellow: Arkansas river rock anchors a garden assortment of pansies, tulips, Asiatic lilies, miniature calla lilies, hydrangeas and grasses. Designed by Shirley's Flowers, Rogers.

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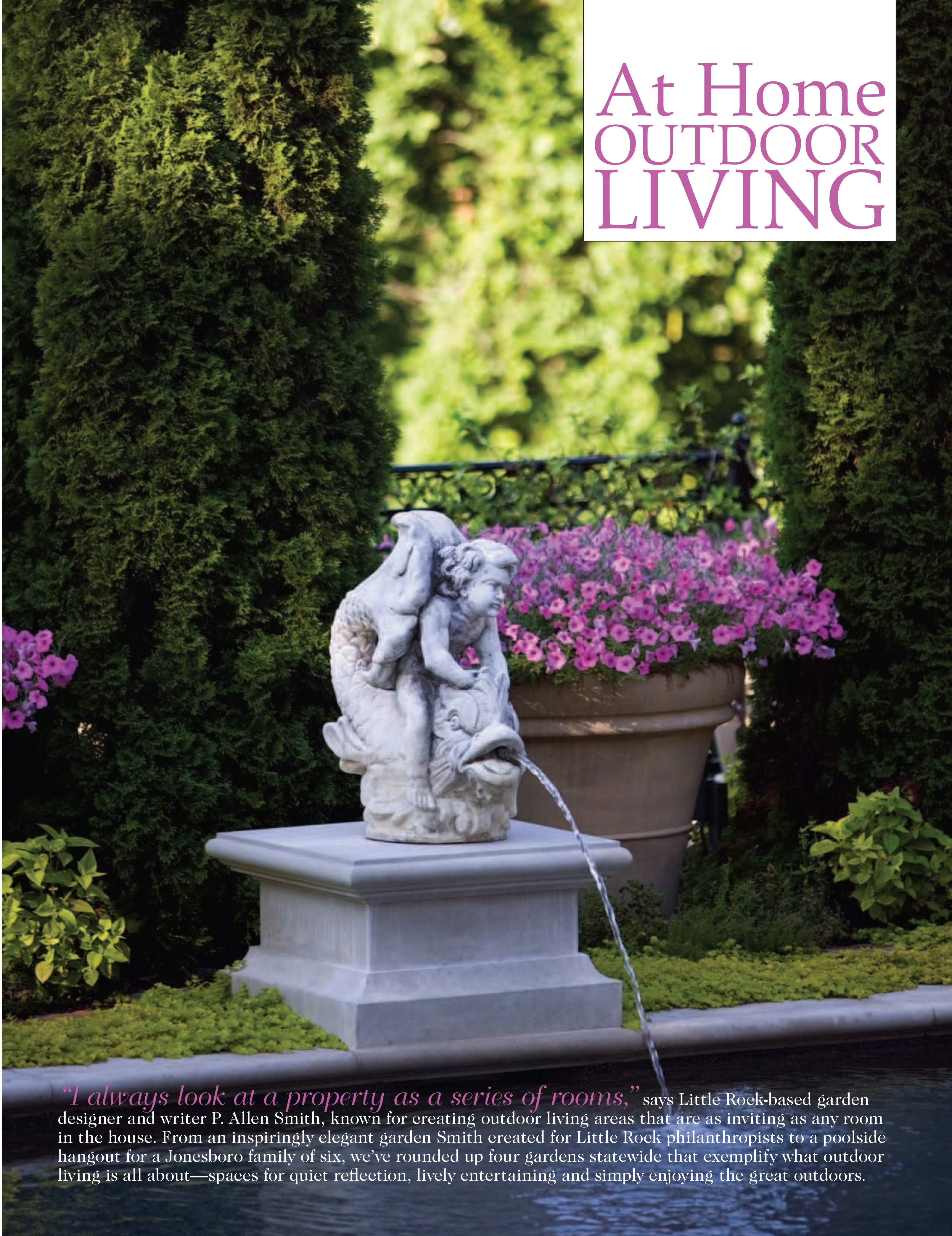
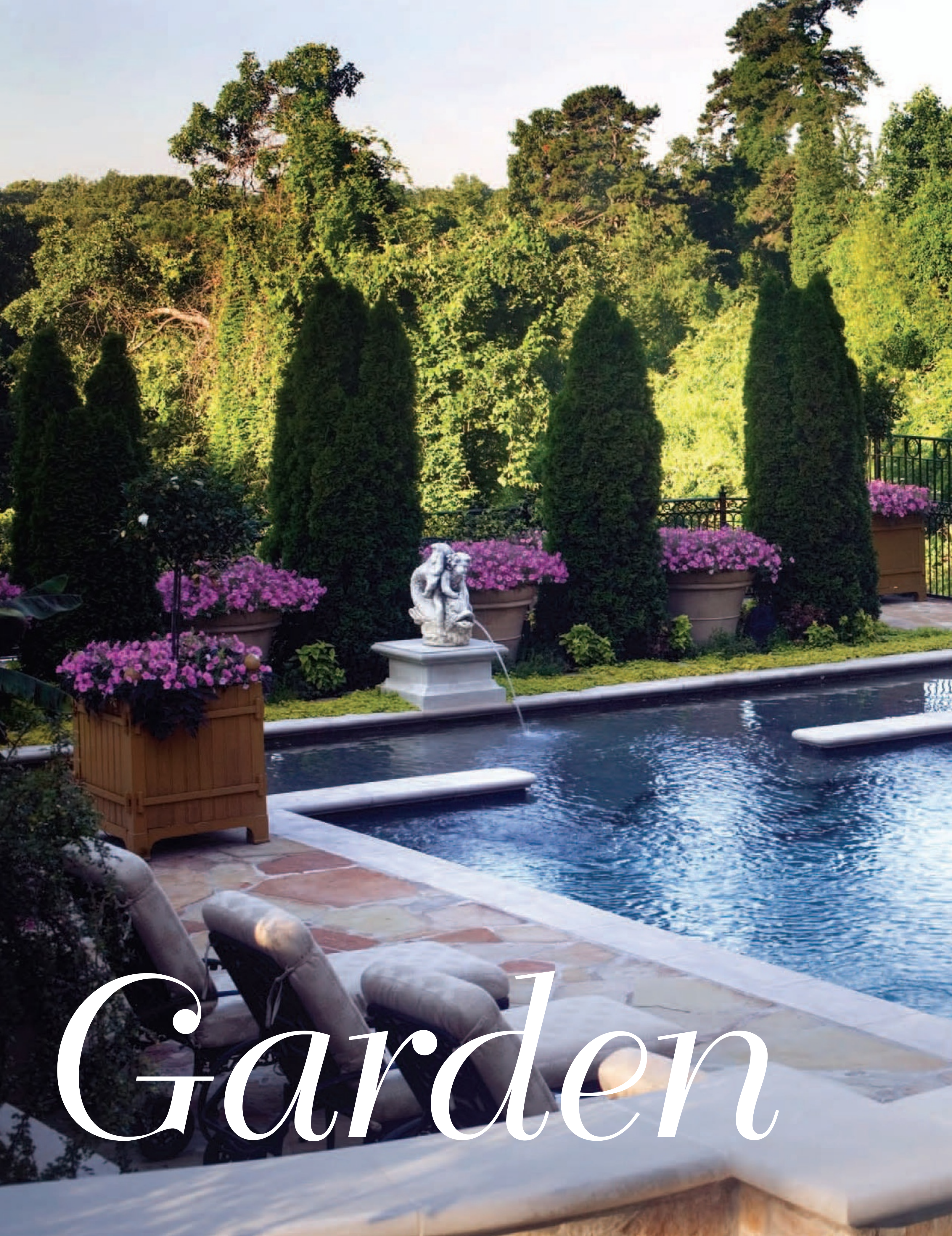


At Home OUTDOOR LIVING

"I always look at a property as a series of rooms," says Little Rock-based garden designer and writer P. Allen Smith, known for creating outdoor living areas that are as inviting as any room in the house. From an inspiringly elegant garden Smith created for Little Rock philanthropists to a poolside hangout for a Jonesboro family of six, we've rounded up four gardens statewide that exemplify what outdoor living is all about—spaces for quiet reflection, lively entertaining and simply enjoying the great outdoors.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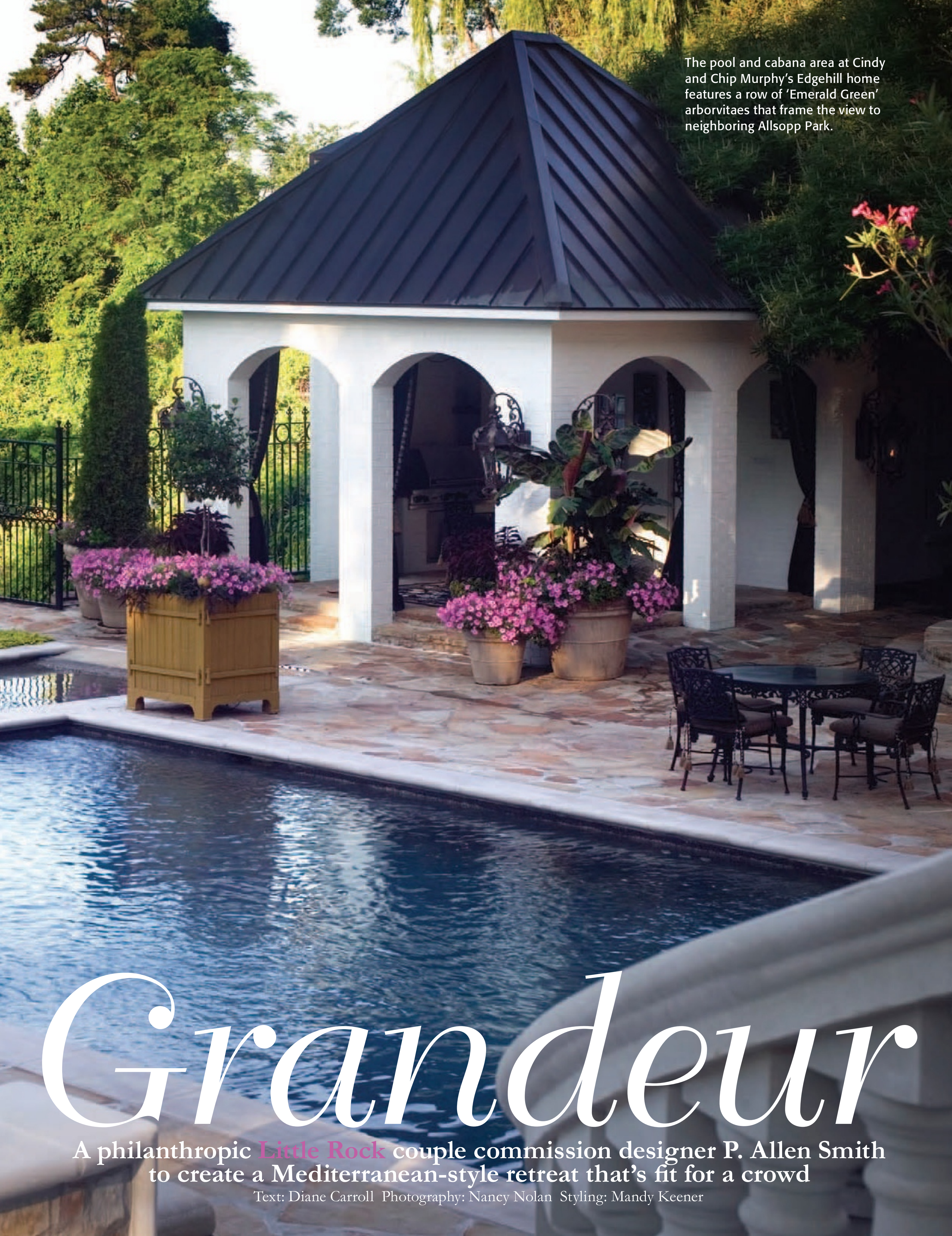


The pool and cabana area at Cindy and Chip Murphy's Edgehill home features a row of 'Emerald Green' arborvitaes that frame the view to neighboring Allsopp Park.

Grandeur

A philanthropic Little Rock couple commission designer P. Allen Smith to create a Mediterranean-style retreat that's fit for a crowd

Text: Diane Carroll Photography: Nancy Nolan Styling: Mandy Keener

A classically designed stone wall and gate mark the transition between the open lawn (facing page) and the pool area. The expansive lawn easily accommodates a band and a myriad of tables for large events.

Saying that Chip and Cindy Murphy like to entertain is an understatement. From gala events for hundreds of guests to private dinner parties with specialty chefs, the philanthropic pair regularly throw open the doors of their 1947 Georgian-style home in Little Rock's Edgehill neighborhood and host a myriad of charitable fetes for the community.

When they purchased their home six years ago, part of the appeal was that its classic elegance and ample grounds were well suited to their entertaining style. As their event calendar grew, they sought ways to make better use of an existing pool and cabana area and the open lawn, which sloped down to a wooded ravine and neighboring Allsopp Park. They turned to renowned garden designer and author P. Allen Smith, who "brought us an encompassing vision of how we could unify our home and garden," says Cindy.

"I always look at a property as a series of rooms and how the rooms will be used," says Smith, which in the Murphys' case meant examining how guests could transition from inside the house to the pool and outdoor areas and then move easily around the grounds. "We needed to create a better marriage between the house and the garden," he says, "offering ways to elegantly access the house as well as bring the home's aesthetic into the garden."

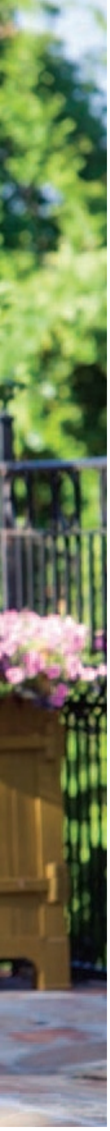
To do so, Smith designed a wide staircase to connect the home's main level with the pool and patio area below. "We began with classical elements that evoke Mediterranean architecture and relate well to the house," he says of the pair of symmetrical staircases he designed, which flank the terrace and come together at a grotto. Lined with stone quarried from the Mount Nebo area and outfitted with an early 19th-century Italian sculpture, the niche serves as a focal point in the transition between the interior and exterior spaces.

"Given the way the Murphys entertain, it made sense to create two very large garden rooms."
—P. Allen Smith

On the lower level, he established two distinct garden areas—one encompassing the pool and cabana and another including a lawn adjacent to it. "Given the way the Murphys entertain, it made sense to create two very large garden rooms," says Smith. "The lawn area functions as open space for tables plus pathways to connect the elements, and it leads to another room where the centerpiece is the pool." To mark the transition between the two, he designed a stone wall that again integrated classic design elements—in this case, arches, columns with carved stone caps and a metal gate—to unify the structure with the style of the house.

The stone wall also became a perimeter for the pool and cabana area, which Smith further defined by extending the garden between the pool and the sloping hillside and planting a series of 'Emerald Green' arborvitaes in it. "Creating this rhythm across the back of the

Smith unified the house and garden with a symmetrical set of staircases that lead from the main areas of the house to the pool below. He added a grotto with an antique Italian sculpture as a focal point where the two staircases meet. In a planting bed near the pool, a Southern Wax Myrtle has a sculptural presence. Facing page: A live oak and a Chinese fringe tree line a pathway planted with 'Knock Out' roses.



Clockwise from facing page: Containers sport Cindy's tropical favorites, like large-leaved banana plants. French oak planting boxes feature gardenias and abundant pink Supertunia 'Vista Bubblegum.' A fountain adds tranquility near the cabana. Bright mandevilla rims the grotto. In the cabana, outdoor draperies in Sunbrella fabric soften the sun.

pool added a strong vertical focal point that draws your eye and separates the garden from the vista beyond," he says. Within the newly-framed space, he took into account Cindy's penchant for bright colors and tropical plants and brought in French oak planting boxes with an ochre finish and large pots that he filled with an assortment of fragrant, textural and colorful favorites ranging from oleander and mandevilla to eugenia and jasmine. The combination, says Smith, "honors both the house and Cindy's aesthetic, and then delivers the magic of these bold colors in this setting."

Alongside the pool, a series of chaises, tables and chairs offers the Murphys and their guests a place to rest, with a nearby fountain providing tranquil sounds. For further comfort, interior designer Barbi Rushing outfitted the cabana with all-weather draperies and furnishings, choosing neutral solids that keep the emphasis on the views to the pool and garden.

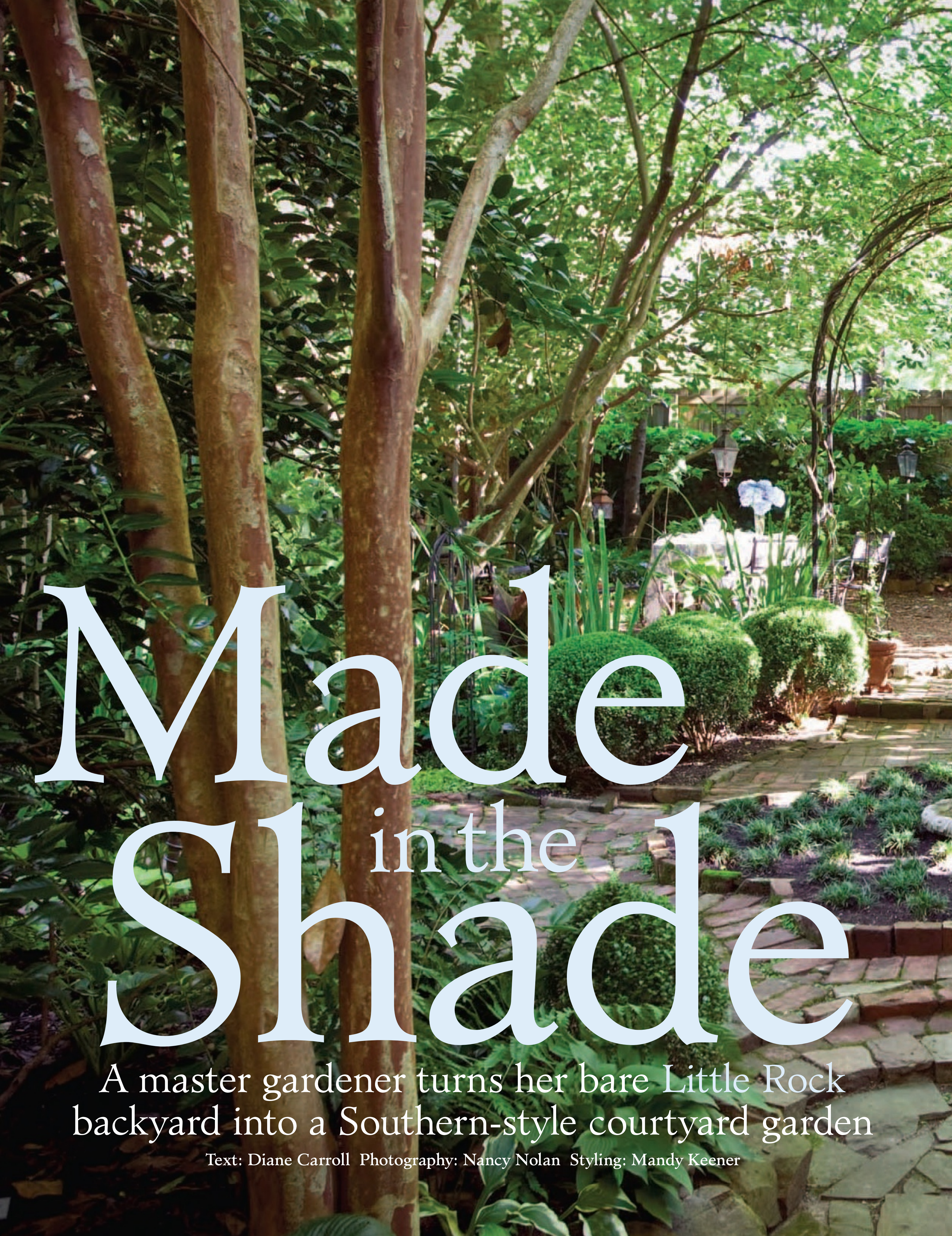
Shortly after its completion, the garden was put to the test when the Murphys hosted a function for nearly 400 guests. Accommodating a band and dining area on the lawn, and cocktails and entertainment poolside, the new garden functioned as planned, even allowing guests a view of the event from the now-accessible first floor terrace. "We utilized the entire area," says Cindy, "and were delighted with how well our new design worked in every way."

Design Resources

Landscape architecture, installation, maintenance **P. Allen Smith & Associates, Little Rock**

Contractor **Jack Hartsell Construction, Little Rock**

Cabana interiors **Barbi Rushing Interiors Inc., Little Rock**



Made in the Shade

A master gardener turns her bare Little Rock backyard into a Southern-style courtyard garden

Text: Diane Carroll Photography: Nancy Nolan Styling: Mandy Keener

'Natchez' white crape myrtle trees and 'Wintergreen' boxwoods rim the quatrefoil-shaped patio in Jeanne and Dan Spencer's garden, with dwarf mondo grass and antique statuary highlighted in the center.

Jeanne Spencer's roots are evident in her Little Rock garden, where the Arkansas native's love of the South shows in the magnolias, crape myrtles, azaleas, camellias and hydrangeas amassed in the landscape.

Inspired by her favorite courtyards in Charleston, Savannah and New Orleans, Jeanne and her husband Dan began transforming their backyard into what she calls "a Southern-style city garden" nearly 16 years ago, when the couple returned to their hometown after two decades spent in Dallas. Located in the Prospect Terrace area of Little Rock's Heights neighborhood, the lot was "a blank canvas, with some tall trees but not much else," says Jeanne. "It's a city lot, and the first challenge was how to turn a small space into an inviting garden."

In her quest to gain gardening insight, Jeanne became a master gardener and established deep ties with the statewide gardening community—joining multiple garden clubs, the Central Arkansas Horticultural Society, the Ouachita Hosta & Shade Plant Society, and eventually serving as the president of the Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs as well as chairing the board of the

A custom-made metal arbor helps define the garden's rooms, transitioning from the central courtyard to a dining area (facing page) where Jeanne's blue and white china collection decks the table. The Spencer's pet Havanese, Jiggs, enjoys the garden as much as his owners.

'Endless Summer' hydrangeas flank the pathway to the screened porch. Facing page, clockwise: Irises, aspidistra, and canna lilies surround the pond, which features an antique statuary fountain. A mulched pathway lined with native stone leads past varieties of hostas and ferns. The courtyard was designed to offer interesting views from the main rooms in the house.

Arkansas Flower and Garden Show. As her knowledge of regional plants and styles grew, her garden began to take shape as well.

"Most of the major Southern cities have beautiful gardens tucked into small lots, and they have the element of mystery, since it's a surprise to find them behind an urban house," says Jeanne. "Those gardens guided me in what we created here."

She began by establishing a dining terrace in the back portion of the lot, leveling the soil and adding a table and chairs as a destination. She built a pond nearby, for the soothing sight and sound of water while dining or relaxing, and surrounded the area with camellias, azaleas, gardenias and other Southern favorites. As a transition between the house and terrace, Jeanne created a brick courtyard and aligned it with one of her home's main windows to create intriguing views. At the courtyard's center, she added a quatrefoil-shaped garden with antique statuary as a focal point. "It became a center of interest, connecting the various sections of the garden without interrupting the site lines from the living room," she adds.

Between the courtyard and dining terrace, Jeanne placed a custom-made arbor and trained climbing 'Cecile Brunner' roses to grow on it. Pathways were established to lead from the house and through the landscape, including one that wraps around from the front yard and meanders through trees and shrubs before revealing the courtyard. "That added the element of mystery, with the extent of the garden slowly

being revealed," says Jeanne. An adjacent garage was refurbished to include a screened porch, adding a mosquito-free way to enjoy the garden during the summer months.

Planted around the structures and along the pathways are Jeanne's regional favorites, including dozens of varieties of hostas, ferns and ivy, which thrive in the shade. "A Southern city garden should be filled with plants that are suited to our area, and because our garden fits our climate, there's something interesting to look at every day," she says. "No matter the season, the views from our windows are enjoyed year round."

“If you love to collect, the secret is to cluster your collections so they don’t look too busy—and I collect hostas, ivy and ferns,” says Jeanne. Her collection includes (clockwise from facing page): Hydrangea macrophylla ‘Dooley’, Hosta ‘Wide Brim’, coleus and Lysimachia Nummularia ‘Creeping Jenny’. Dwarf gardenia jasminoides. Hosta ‘Stained Glass’. Tassel Fern and Hosta ‘So Sweet’. Hosta ‘Patriot’. Begonias, coleus and Lamium ‘Archangel’.

Off to the Lake

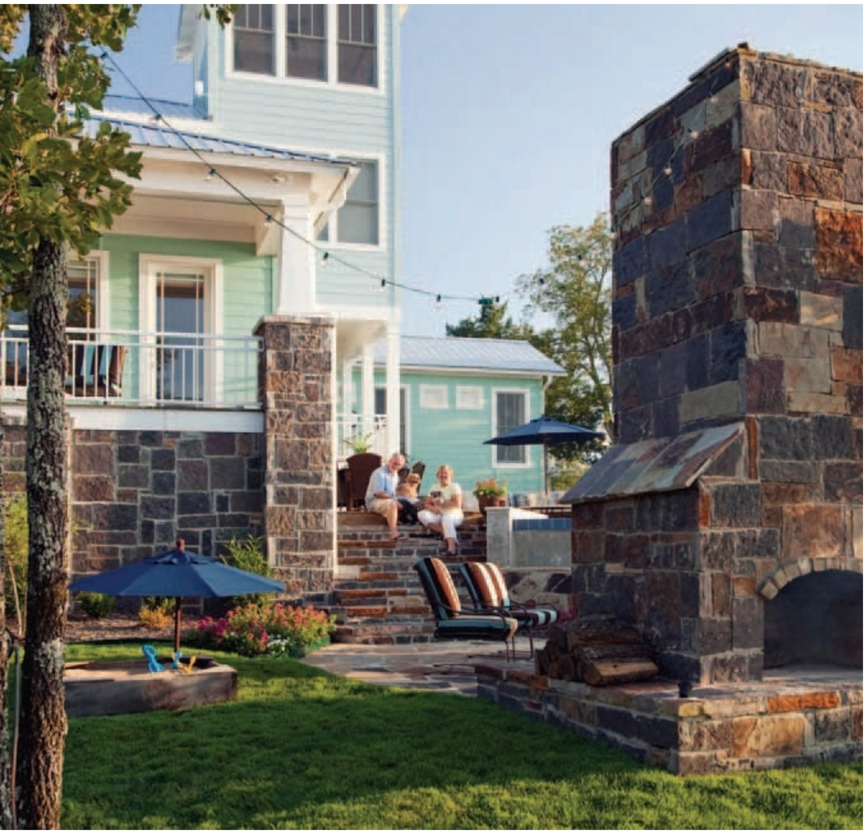
Gary and Jackie Childers' Heber Springs lake house evokes the seaside with outdoor furniture and accessories in shades of blue, yellow and cream. Facing page: An infinity edge pool and deck with a 190 degree-view of Greers Ferry Lake ensure relaxation.

A Heber Springs getaway offers relaxation and easy entertaining in the charming style of a seaside cottage

Text: Paulette Pearson Photography: Nancy Nolan Styling: Mandy Keener

When Gary and Jackie Childers decided to build a lake house in Heber Springs' Brighton Pointe community, they envisioned an outdoor area where they could entertain family and friends. Inspired by coastal vacations in Florida, the couple also hoped to create a relaxing space that would take advantage of the waterfront views. "We wanted the best of both worlds," Jackie explains, "the natural beauty of Greers Ferry Lake mixed with the tranquil feel of a seaside getaway."

Enlisting the help of Little Rock-based designer Lou Anne Herget, the Childers began by installing several entertaining areas to accommodate large groups of people, including a deep back porch for watching sunsets over the water and a wide deck where lounge chairs, a sectional patio sofa shaded by an umbrella, and a dining table all cater to al fresco parties and meals. A stone walkway leads to a lower landing closer to the water, where more seating and a freestanding rock fireplace allow for cozy get-togethers even on cooler evenings. "It's where we keep an eye on our grandchildren as they play in the trees," says Jackie, noting that an



outdoor shower added for convenience is another favorite space for the kids.

With plenty of room for entertaining, Gary and Jackie's next focus was on relaxation, and topping their list was an infinity edge pool that appears to merge seamlessly with the lake. The result, they say, is a peaceful view that the couple and their guests can enjoy all year long. "The views of the lake and the pool from the outdoor sitting areas, and even from inside the house, are so relaxing," says Jackie. "We love it year-round."

The tranquil views served as a starting point for the color palette, with watery blues, rich browns, sunny yellows and sandy creams in various patterns and shades adorning the outdoor fabrics and accessories. "One of the things I miss the most when we're not at our lake house is all the color," says Jackie, whose primary residence in Little Rock features more muted French Country tones.

Adding to the relaxed feel of the space is an outdoor sound system, which Gary uses to serenade guests with his famous custom play lists. Ultimately, it's this blend of relaxation and fun that keeps Jackie and Gary coming back more and more. "During the week, all I can think about is heading to our lake house," Jackie laughs. "I can't stand being away."

Design Resources
Builder Wayne Moore Construction, Little Rock
Exterior design LA Herget Interiors, Little Rock
Pool David Grindley Concrete Swimming Pools & Spas, Sherwood
Sectional sofa, umbrellas, floor covering Pottery Barn, Little Rock, Rogers
Decking, landscape design, installation Lanthrop's Nursery & Garden Center, Heber Springs
Fireplace design, installation Javier Rubio, Heber Springs
Furniture, accessories Bill Kerr's Fireplace and Patio Store, Maumelle

A stone walkway leads to a lower landing with a freestanding fireplace. Facing page: The Childers enjoy sunsets from the deep porch as well as get-togethers in their outdoor eating area.

Surrounded by woods, the backyard of Rebecca and Sam Tuck's home now features a curvaceous pool surrounded by dark concrete and stone planting beds. For easy upkeep, Sunbrella fabrics cover the outdoor furniture and drought-resistant annuals grace the gardens.

Backyard Paradise

A Jonesboro family with a love of the outdoors transforms their backyard into a natural oasis

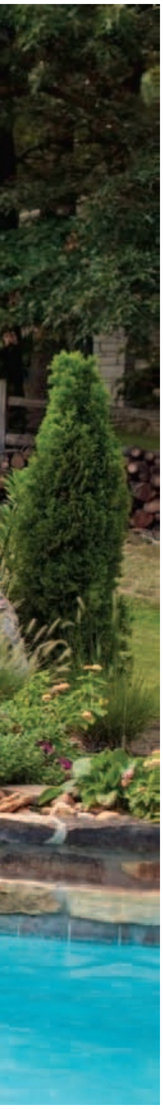
Text: Paulette Pearson Photography: Nancy Nolan Styling: Diane Carroll

The family-friendly space includes a waterslide and a hot tub used throughout the year. Facing page: A durable outdoor kitchen features travertine walls, porcelain floors and cedar cabinets, while stainless steel appliances and a custom grill cater to large gatherings.

For Rebecca and Sam Tuck's active family of six, spending time together often meant gathering in the backyard of their Jonesboro home. However, they were limited to eating meals on the patio and playing on a grassy lawn, and soon began considering ways to improve their time spent outdoors. Because their two young daughters enjoy swimming, and because they wanted to give their two older sons a place to hang out with their friends, they decided to install a pool, and the rest developed from there. "We're not formal people," Rebecca explains. "I wanted it to be a relaxing place for our family to play and also entertain." Thanks to the collaborative help of several local professionals, what resulted is a natural, family-friendly oasis where the Tucks can both relax and welcome visitors all year long.

Making their backyard family and entertaining friendly first required adding functional spaces. They began with a new swimming area, featuring a heated pool with a waterfall, water slide and hot tub. "They can hop into the hot tub even when it's freezing out," says Marla Williams of Tallulah Pools Inc. in Jonesboro. "And we added ledges around the pool as a safety feature for the kids, so a shallow seat is always within reach."

Situated in close proximity to the pool, the outdoor kitchen allows for easily preparing and serving food to guests, and was built to withstand the elements with stainless steel appliances, travertine stone and cedar cabinets. A bar area and stereo system make it a favorite place to congregate year round. "We cook and have people over almost every weekend



during the summer," Rebecca says. "We also enjoy it during football season."

Along the way, the Tucks also took specific steps to give their new outdoor quarters a natural look. They chose a soft, organic shape for the pool, and then surrounded it with dark stamped concrete and natural stone planters filled with vegetation. They also called on designer MG Meyering of Interiors by Design to finish the space with a carefully edited blend of furniture, colors and fabrics. This includes sturdy brown patio furniture with deep red cushions and aqua, yellow and green accent pillows, as well as a blue-gray wash on the kitchen cabinets for a hand-made, rugged feel. "We wanted every element of the design to revolve around easy outdoor living," notes Meyering.

From entertaining large groups of friends on a whim to watching her children play in the pool, Rebecca now relishes time spent in the outdoor space, and she hasn't missed the old backyard in the slightest. "I just love it," she says of her new paradise. "It's one of the best things we've ever done."

Design Resources
Architect **Little & Associates Architects, Jonesboro**
Builder, contractor, designer **Tallulah Pools Inc., Jonesboro**
Exterior design **Interiors by Design, Jonesboro**
Landscaping **Bennett's Nursery & Garden Center, Hughey Nursery & Landscaping, Jonesboro**
Fabrics **Sunbrella, Cobblestone & Vine, Ken Rash's, Little Rock**
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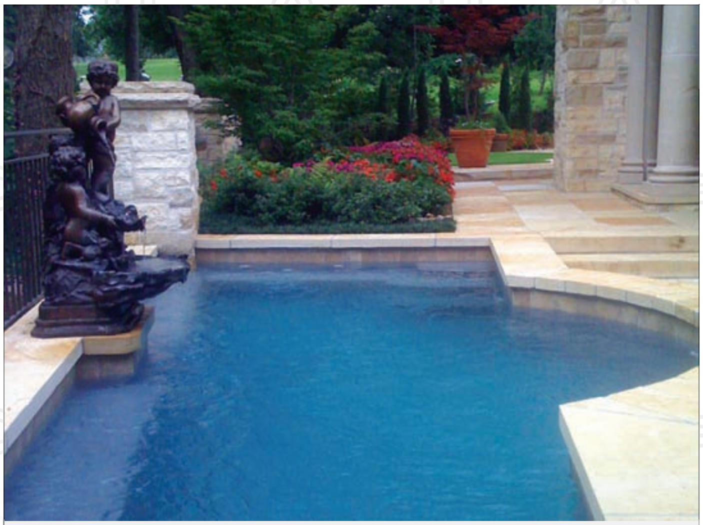

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Chris Olsen is a well-known professional landscape designer, television personality, author, owner of Botanica Gardens and national speaker. His diverse talents and award-winning designs have earned him recognition in Arkansas and across the South, where he is one of the most sought-after landscape designers. He is known for a unique use of color and adheres to the motto, "always lead and never follow." Always striving to out-do himself, he has held true to his words with unique designs that are customized to each client's needs and desires.

Botanica Gardens combines comfortable living with a California twist. Its specialties include customized planters, unique home and garden accessories, and a vast array of exterior and interior plants. If you are in search of beautiful and vibrant orchids, Botanica is a must. Botanica also offers landscaping, irrigation, lighting and complete landscape design. From start to finish, it is Little Rock's top landscaping firm.

Chris' abilities stem from extensive education (including Oxford University) and more than 20 years of experience, including projects ranging from corporate headquarters and shopping centers to some of Arkansas' most beautiful homes, small dooryard gardens, patios and decks. Chris' goal in life is to strive for success in all aspects. Whether at Botanica, in becoming a national personality or in his own well-being, Chris steps up to any challenge that life may bring.

PROGRESSIVE TRAIL DESIGN

Nathan Woodruff
3665 West Haymaker Place
Fayetteville, AR 72704 | 479-966-0286
www.progressivetraildesign.com

Based in the rugged Ozark Mountains, Progressive Trail Design is a trail building and bike park development company whose goal is to link people with their natural environment and surroundings. Founder Nathan Woodruff, formerly a landscape business owner and home renovation contractor, specializes in the design of bike parks and progressive trail features, and has the experience necessary to see projects through to completion and make sure the job is done right.

It's their zeal for the outdoors and love of trails that encourage the Progressive Trail Design team to create unparalleled multi-use trail systems. Their work extends to bike parks, BMX tracks, horse trails and motocross/ATV trails. Satisfied customers include municipalities, state parks, national forests, residential developers and private landowners. The team also stresses sustainability and designs that are both functional and natural.

With many years of experience as trail builders and trail advocates in the state of Arkansas, Progressive Trail Design also promotes events and hosts the Eureka Springs Fat Tire Festival--the longest running and most popular mountain bike festival in Arkansas.

BENNETT'S LANDSCAPING AND DEVELOPMENT

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For 25 years, Marty Bennett and his staff have been designing, installing and developing residential, municipal and commercial properties from the east coast to the mid-South. Bennett Landscape and Development of Jonesboro has established itself as one of the premier landscape companies in the state. Specializing in all aspects of landscape design and construction, the company is well-known for its signature landscapes. States Bennett, "We have the experience and talent to take each project from conception to completion. We pride ourselves in our commitment to honesty, integrity and quality of our workmanship."

The company offers master planning and conceptual planning for projects of all sizes, as well as, pool, deck, irrigation and outdoor kitchen design and construction. "From Mrs. Smith's perennial garden to retirement villas, we have been blessed for the past 15 years with the opportunity to express our talent and skills throughout the great state of Arkansas," says Bennett.

The landscape firm's offices are located at Bennett's Nursery and Garden Center in Jonesboro. There you will not only see a showcase of landscape projects, but you will also find a retail center well worth visiting. Beyond the outstanding selection of plant material, garden fountains and ornamentation, the nursery maintains a gallery of artwork by Jan Troutt and other local artisans. Bennett has definitely branded his name on a high quality of standard and talent.

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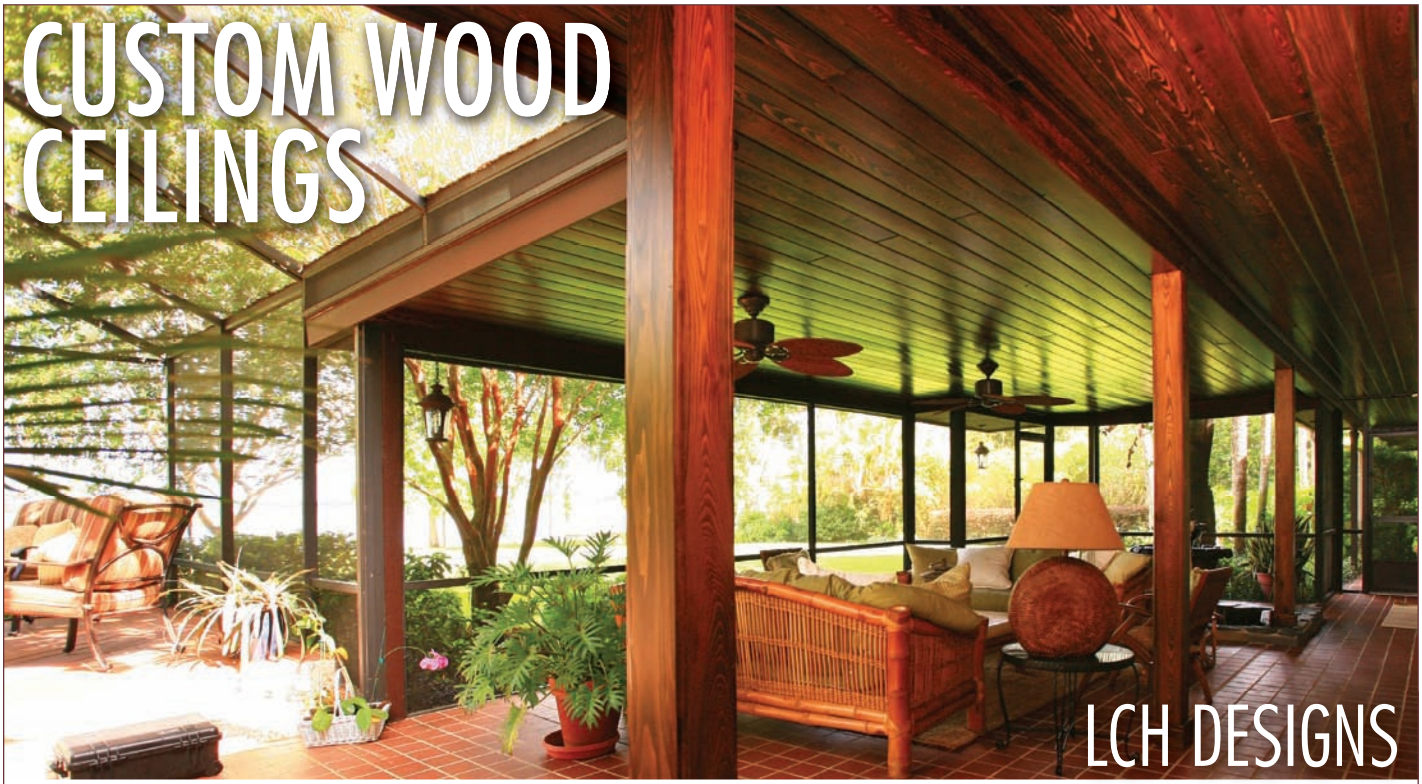

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Complement your outdoor adventure with a relaxed visit to Harrison, Mountain Home or Mountain View

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Robin's Nest

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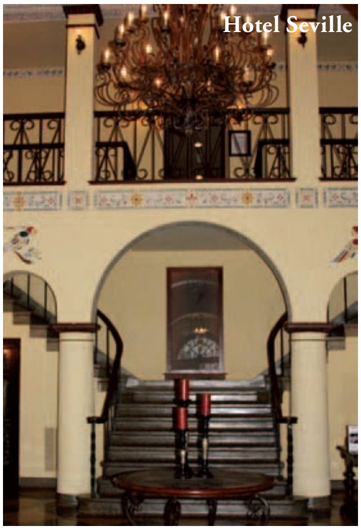
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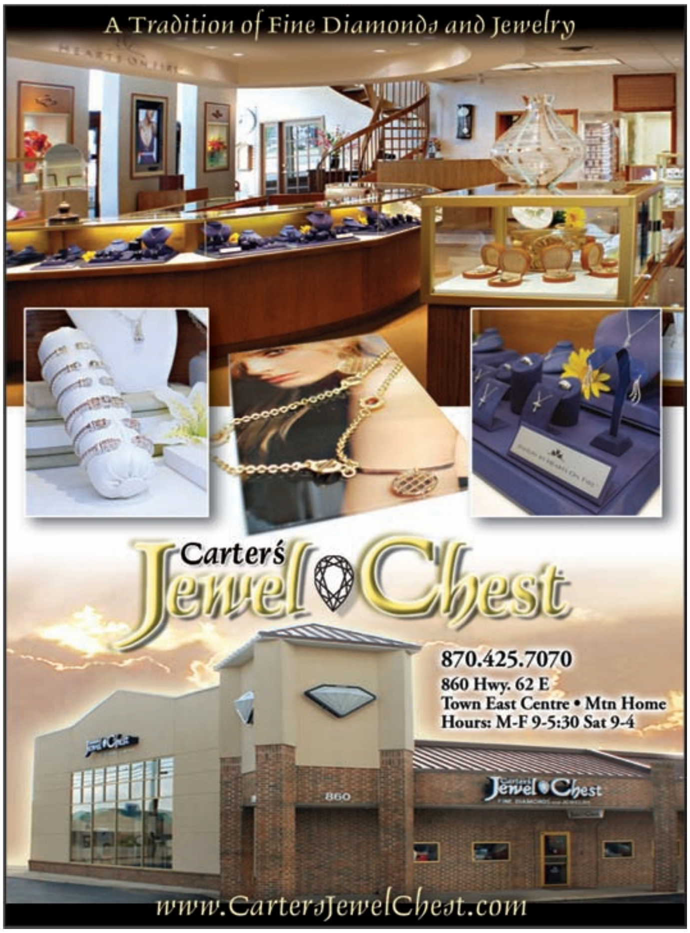

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A stylish guide to dressing for an Ozark adventure

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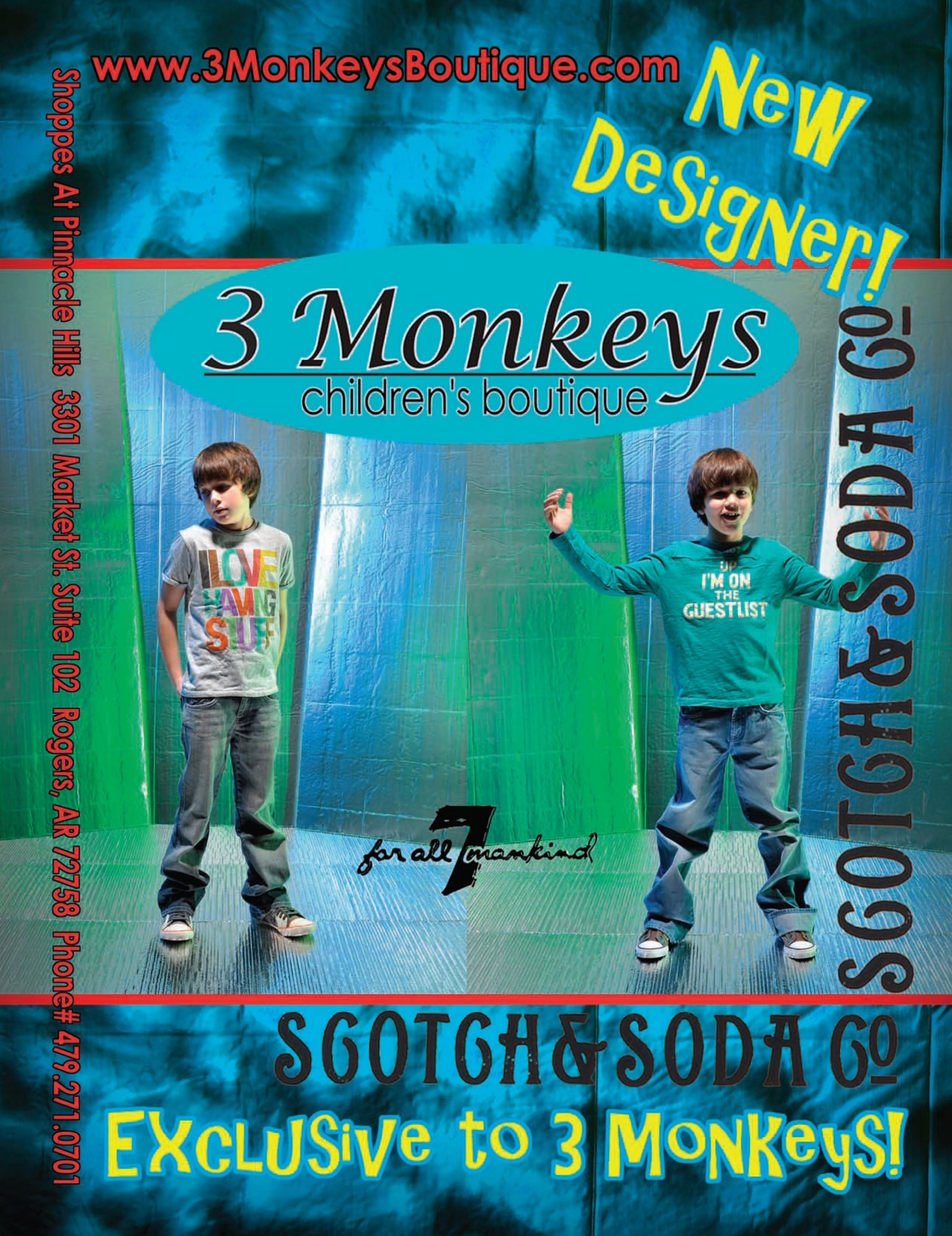
Greening the Garden

Landscape designer Chris Olsen knows that gardens don't need blooms to be interesting. In his West Little Rock backyard, he mixes foliage, colors and textures, like shiny 'Needlepoint' holly and variegated 'Escargot' begonia, to pack a visual punch. They form a backdrop for his favorite vintage finds, including these watering cans, which he uses to create a focal point in place of blooms. "They're great as a border along a pathway," says Olsen, "and everyone who happens to pass by notices them."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